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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: All Internal BUMED Codes

Subj: BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5214.2B

1. Purpose. To establish the Risk Management Committee and define its purpose and membership.

2. Background. The Navy Medical Department's goal is to provide high quality healthcare to eligible beneficiaries. This goal is achieved during each patient encounter through the dedicated efforts of our healthcare providers. On occasion, despite their best efforts, deviations from the standard of care do occur; some preventable, others not. When issues of a quality assurance or risk management nature arise, the Risk Management Committee will review the circumstances surrounding their cause to ensure that measures to preclude recurrence have been implemented and to determine whether system-wide intervention or policy is indicated.

3. Risk Management Committee Membership. The Risk Management Committee will consist of the following members:

Director, Quality Assurance Division, MED-35, (chairperson)  
Special Assistant for Medico-Legal Affairs, MED-00D3,  
(member)  
Special Assistant for Internal Review, MED-09IR, (member and recorder)  
Director, Health Benefits Division, MED-33, (member)

4. Action. The Risk Management Committee will convene weekly or at the discretion of its chairperson. The committee will:

a. Recommend to the Surgeon General that investigations be conducted into events surrounding deviations from the standard of care.

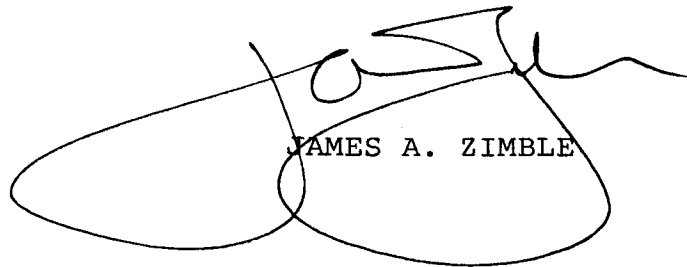
b. Monitor quality assurance and risk management issues of significant interest to the Surgeon General until all required action on them has been completed.

c. Submit a report of their discussions, to include advice on policy matters and recommendations for action, when appropriate, to the Surgeon General for approval.

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5. Report. The report identified in paragraph 4c is exempt from report control by reference (a), part IV, paragraph G8.



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